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SUB: BOLIVIAN JOURNALIST SUBMITS QUESTIONS TO  
SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. BOLIVIAN JOURNALIST AND DIPLOMAT, GUILLERMO CESPEDES-RIVERA, HAS PREPARED A LIST OF QUESTIONS WHICH WISHES ASKED OF SECRETARY KISSINGER. CESPEDES PROPOSES TO PUBLISH QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS STYLE OF RESTON INTERVIEW IN TIMES, DECEMBER 1974, IN EL DIARIO, A MAJOR LA PAZ NEWSPAPER AND ALSO TO OFFER IT TO WIRE SERVICES, SHORTLY BEFORE SECRETARY'S PLANNED VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA. INTERVIEW INTENDED TO SERVE AS CLOSE CONTACT BETWEEN BOLIVIA AND SECRETARY SINCE BOLIVIA NOT ANNOUNCED AS PART OF SECRETARY'S ITINERARY.

2. CESPEDES IS EDITORIALIST AND COLUMNIST FOR EL DIARIO, AND DIRECTOR OF JOURNALISM SCHOOL AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN LA PAZ. HE WRITES IN FRIENDLY AND OBJECTIVE TERMS OF U.S. AND HAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED SERIES OF ARTICLES ON SECRETARY KISSINGER. CESPEDES HAS EXTENSIVE JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE IN LATIN AMERICA AND IN THE U.S. HE HAS ALSO HELD A NUMBER OF HIGH POSITIONS IN GOB CIVIL AND FOREIGN SERVICE. RECENT POSITIONS INCLUDE DIRECTOR OF PRESS AND FOREIGN OFFICE (1971) AND SUBSECRETARY OF FOREIGN OFFICE (1973-74).

3. PUBLICATION OF THIS INTERVIEW  
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WOULD PROVIDE CESPEDES

AND EL DIARIO WITH PRESTIGIOUS EXCLUSIVE CONTACT WITH USG AND ENHANCE MISSION RELATIONS WITH THEM. THE INTERVIEW WOULD ALSO SERVE USG INTERESTS BY PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLISH KEY POINTS IN BOLIVIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN PRESS SINCE MOST QUESTIONS ARE RATHER GENERAL. IF SECRETARY PREFERENCES NOT TO RESPOND TO SOME QUESTIONS, CESPEDES WOULD MOST LIKELY WITHDRAW IT UPON SUGGESTION BY EMBASSY, SINCE RELATIONS ARE VERY GOOD WITH HIM.

4. FOLLOWING ARE QUESTIONS CESPEDES WOULD LIKE SECRETARY TO ANSWER UNDER TITLE: A BOLIVIAN JOURNALIST ASKS DR. HENRY KISSINGER SOME QUESTIONS.

1. ON THE EVE OF YOUR FACT-FINDING TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA, WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS, HOPES AND WISHES?

2. MANY EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE UNITED STATES TO IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE LOW INCOME POPULATION IN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, BUT THERE IS SOME TALK OF CUTTING THIS EFFORT. PLEASE TELL US THE REAL INTENTIONS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT REGARDING US AID TO LATIN AMERICA.

3. IN MY COUNTRY, AS IN PERU AND ECUADOR, LARGE GROUPS OF INDIANS HEIRS OF PAST AND LOST CIVILIZATIONS, CHEW "COCA", THE RAW MATERIAL FROM WHICH COCAINE IS MADE. WILL THE US GOVERNMENT BE WILLING TO HELP THESE COUNTRIES FIND ALTERNATIVE CROPS MORE USEFUL TO THEIR ECONOMIES AND HEALTH?

(BETWEEN US AND OFF THE RECORD I KNOW THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SOME EFFORTS MADE TO PREPARE A SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STUDY REGARDING THIS PROBLEM. I KNOW THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS INTERESTED IN THIS MATTER).

4. ARE YOU NOT AFRAID OF ANOTHER CUBA INCIDENT SUCH AS THE ONE IN SEPTEMBER 1970? AT THAT TIME YOU WERE THINKING OF THE POSSIBILITY OF USING POLARIS SUBMARINES. DON'T YOU THINK THAT CUBA, AFTER THE "NOT GUILTY" VERDICT GIVEN BY THE OAS, COULD NOW BE USED MORE

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FREELY BY THE USSR TO EXPORT REVOLUTIONS? WE ARE VERY CONCERNED THAT THIS MIGHT HAPPEN AGAIN. I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT, SOMETIME AGO, FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON SENT LETTERS TO ALL LATIN AMERICAN CHIEFS OF STATE REGARDING THE CUBAN PROBLEM. ARE YOU OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE CHANGE IN THE US POLICY REGARDING CUBA? ARE YOU GOING TO TALK ABOUT THIS PROBLEM WHEN YOU VISIT LATIN AMERICA?

5. THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF OPINION REGARDING THE  
CONTROVERSIAL TRADE ACT OF 1974. YOU AND  
YOUR GOVERNMENT HAVE EXPLAINED THE REAL MEANING  
OF THIS LAW, PARTICULARLY IN REGARD TO ITS  
EFFECTS ON THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. MANY PEOPLE  
UNDERSTAND THE ADVANTAGES OF NEGOTIATION RATHER  
THAN CONFRONTATION, BUT THE DIFFERENCES STILL EXIST.  
ARE THERE ANY POSSIBILITIES OF CHANGING THIS LAW  
IN THE NEAR FUTURE, ESPECIALLY TITLE FIVE?

6. THERE ARE MANY PROBLEMS IN LATIN AMERICA THAT ARE SOLVED  
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF JUSTICE AND GOOD WILL, SUCH  
AS THE PROBLEM BETWEEN US AND PANAMA. THIS IS VERY  
ENCOURAGING BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A PENDING  
PROBLEM WITH CHILE, THE OUTCOME OF WHICH  
IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO BOLIVIA. THERE ARE SEVERAL  
FAVOURABLE OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY OUTSTANDING AMERICANS  
REGARDING THIS MATTER. SINCE MORE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS  
THAN THE BOLIVIAN AND CHILEAN PROBLEM HAVE BEEN  
SOLVED BEFORE - SOME OF THEM BY YOU- WHY IS IT THAT  
WE MUST WAIT A LONG TIME IN ORDER TO HAVE A JUST  
SOLUTION WHEN IN ATLANTA THE PAST YEAR, THE OAS  
OPINION WAS UNANIMOUSLY FAVOURABLE TO BOLIVIA?

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WHAT IS THE US POSITION REGARDING THIS PROBLEM?

7. AS YOU KNOW, SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA  
ARE PURCHASING A GREAT DEAL OF ARMAMENTS. DO  
YOU THINK THAT THERE IS A REAL DANGER OF WAR

IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD; AND IF SUCH IS THE CASE,  
WHAT DO YOU THINK THE US CAN DO TO PREVENT IT?

8. AS YOU ARE ONE OF GREAT PEACE CRUSADERS IN THE WORLD,  
DO YOU THINK PEACE CAN BE ACHIEVED? IT IS  
POSSIBLE TO REACH PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

9. NOW, DR. KISSINGER, THE LAST QUESTION, FROM ONE  
PROFESSOR TO ANOTHER MORE RENOWNED, OF COURSE).  
LET ME ASK A QUESTION ABOUT YOUR FUTURE THAT SEEMS  
TO WORRY SOME POLITICIANS IN YOUR COUNTRY SO MUCH.  
PERSONALLY I DON'T BELIEVE YOU WILL LEAVE THE  
STATE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE, AS EVERYONE KNOWS, IT'S  
DANGEROUS TO CHANGE CAPTAINS ON A SHIP WHEN IT'S  
IN THE MIDDLE OF A STRONG CURRENT.  
YOUR COUNTRY AND THE WORLD NEEDS YOU AND YOU CANNOT  
LEAVE SO MANY PROBLEMS UNSOLVED BUT..SOME DAY YOU  
WILL PROBABLY MAKE A PERSONAL DECISION. ARE YOU  
NOSTALGIC ABOUT YOUR DAYS AS A PROFESSOR? IN LATIN  
AMERICA, USUALLY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN HIGH  
OFFICERS IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE -WITHIN THE COUNTRY-  
BELIEVE THAT THE NEXT STEP SHOULD BE AN EMBASSY  
ASSIGNMENT. WOULD YOU LIKE TO RETURN TO TEACHING.  
OR WOULD YOU PREFER AN AMBASSADORSHIP?  
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THANK YOU, MR. KISSINGER.

6. EMBASSY ADVOCATES POSITIVE CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST.  
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